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Two key articles on the Australian labour market ... out today

Australian children living without an employed parent, and labour underutilisation in Australia are two feature articles released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in **Australian Labour Market Statistics, July 2004** (cat. no. 6105.0).

The feature articles are about:

Children living without an employed parent

Australian children living without an employed parent, or children in jobless households, are seen by many analysts as a group at risk of socioeconomic disadvantage.

The article explores some of the concepts and issues surrounding this topic, assesses the various measures that can be used, and examines some of the different sources of data available. The article uses data from the 2000-01 Survey of Income and Housing Costs to provide an analysis of the number of children living without an employed parent.

Labour underutilisation

The unemployment rate and the number of unemployed people are widely used measures of underutilised labour resources in the Australian community. However, these measures do not represent the full extent of labour underutilisation. The ABS has produced a series of broader measures that include other groups of people whose labour is underutilised (such as underemployed workers and discouraged jobseekers).

This article presents the **first release** of updated labour underutilisation rates.

Australian Labour Market Statistics is the flagship release for all ABS labour statistics and a must for all journalists reporting on the Australian labour market.

The publication draws together data from a range of sources to provide an overall picture of the labour market.

Information from **Australian Labour Market Statistics** can be accessed by:

- **Web site:** The main findings can be found on this site from the 'Main Features' link on the Home page. Links to the articles are available on the Main Features page.

- **AusStats** clients can download a copy of the publication from the web site now.

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